1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA 4 MARGARET BROCK and ALFONZO A. 5 BROCK, 6 Plaintiffs, 7 v. 8 DANETTE THOMAS; BYRON WHITE; AMERICAN ONE MORTGAGE; LEONA **HUDGINS; UNIQUE MANAGEMENT AND** 10 CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC; TRINITY INSURANCE, ABSTRACT AND TITLE 11 AGENCY L.L.C.; SILVER BUCKMAN; 12 FRESH START FINANCIAL SERVICES; CYNTHIA FOXWORTH; VINCENT 13 FOXWORTH; JUAN ESCOBAR; ACCESS ABSTRACT CORPORATION; SUPERIOR 14 MORTGAGE CORPORATION; WELLS 15 FARGO BANK, N.A.; and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, 16 INC., 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 TO THE CLERK: 21 22 23 24 25 for removal, SMC states as follows: 26 27 28

Federal Court Case No.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (Federal Question)

## **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT DEFENDANT SUPERIOR MORTGAGE CORPORATION ("SMC"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby removes the state court action described below to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which is the judicial district in which the state court action is pending. As grounds

1. On or about October 19, 2010, an action was commenced by praecipe to issue a writ of summons ("Summons") in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of the State of Pennsylvania, entitled MARGARET BROCK and ALFONZO BROCK, Plaintiffs, vs. DANETTE THOMAS, et al., docket number 091002480 ("State Action"). A copy of the Summons and all other filings and orders served on SMC in the State Action are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

- 2. Plaintiff thereafter filed a complaint against the above captioned defendants on or about January 19, 2010. See Exhibit A.
- 3. The Defendant first served with the complaint in the State Action was Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"), which was served on January 19, 2010. A true and correct copy of the State Action docket is attached hereto as **Exhibit B.**
- 4. This Notice of Removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 in that it is filed within thirty (30) days of the service of the Complaint on Wells Fargo.
- 5. All Defendants that have been served to date with Plaintiffs' Complaint, including Wells Fargo, have consented to this Removal, as evidenced by the Certifications filed herewith. True and correct copies of the Certifications are attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 6. This action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is one which may be removed to this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) in that it is a civil action "arising under the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States" as revealed by Plaintiffs' Count III in their Complaint referencing the Real Estate Procedure Act (RESPA), 12 U.S.C. § 2602, paragraph 158 at 29.
- 7. In the above described Count III of Plaintiffs' Complaint at page 29, Plaintiffs assert that Superior Mortgage Corporation

violated RESPA by [...] Giving or accepting kickbacks or other things of value in violation of 12 U.S.C. § 2607(a) and 24 C.F.R. § 3500.14(c) [and] Giving a portion, split, or percentage of charges made or received for the rendering of a real estate settlement service in connection with a transaction involving a federally related mortgage loan other than for services actually performed, in violation of 12 U.S.C. § 2607(b) and 24 C.F.R. § 3500.14(c).

See Exhibit A, Complaint ¶ 163 at 30. Plaintiffs seek damages from SMC and the other Defendants named in Count III, including "actual damages, in the amount of \$172,479...." *Id.* at 32.

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8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, the claims asserted by Plaintiffs may be properly removed 1 from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of the State of Pennsylvania to this Court. 2 9. Pursuant to 28(U.S.C. § 1446(a), this Notice of Removal includes a copy of all pleadings 3 and orders served on Defendants. See Exhibit A. 4 10. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiffs and all 5 other Defendants and a copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the clerk of the Court of 6 Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of the State of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 7 § 1446(d). 8 WHEREFORE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, et. seq., Defendant SUPERIOR 9 MORTGAGE CORPORATION respectfully requests that the civil action now pending against it in 10 the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of the State of Pennsylvania, be removed to this 11 Court. 12 Respectfully submitted, 13 ZARWIN BAUM DEVITO KAPLAN 14 SCHAER & TODDY, P.C. 15 16 Dated: February 18, 2010 By: 17 Grace K. Henry, Esquire. (L.D. No. 208265) 18 1818 Market Street, 13th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 19 215-569-2800 Fax 215-569-1606 20 gkhenry@zarwin.com Attorneys for Defendant SUPERIOR MORTGAGE 21 **CORPORATION** 22 23 24 25 26 27 28